

Cedar Badge Program Trains Scout Leaders



FREEDOM OF RELIGION . . . Neither racial nor religious discrimination exists in the Cedar Badge Training Program for the Boy Scouts. All faiths, Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, Moslem, and Buddhist are represented in the camp. Scout-

held services are also part of the program. In front of a Harbor troop singing hymns is the Protestant cross and the Jewish Star of David. Farther down the trail is located a Catholic chapel.

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"Be Prepared" has long been the motto of the Boy Scouts of America.

In today's fast-moving, war-worried society, it has been a watchword for the entire nation, and indeed the entire world. Preparedness requires leadership, and this is provided for the Boy Scouts through the Cedar Badge training program at the Lake Arrowhead Scout Camps.

The Cedar Badge program was established to train selected boys of each troop in the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts in the basic methods and skills of scouting. It was designed to train boys to serve their troops and scoutmasters as assistant leaders.

THE CEDAR BADGE program is only four years old, but the Junior Leader Training program of the Los Angeles Council is now in its 12th year. The JLT program has been sponsored from the beginning by the Sears Roebuck Foundation, which provides part of the money needed to support a boy at camp for the week. Facilities and central staff members are provided by the Los Angeles Council.

Cedar Badge was developed in 1957, and first operated at the Lake Arrowhead camps in 1959. The first year, 442 boys and 42 adult leaders participated. This year, 491 boys and 59 leaders were in camp for the week-long JLT program.

Boys participating in the Cedar Badge program are especially selected for the leadership and high moral qualities exhibited during the year. They represent all troops and districts in the Los Angeles Area Council.

ONCE THE BOYS have been selected, outstanding

leaders and scout professionals are chosen for the special encampment. A week is then set aside at the Lake Arrowhead camps for the Cedar Badge scouts.

At camp, the boys enjoy all the usual activities of scouts on a summer camping trip, and many special activities designed for the Cedar Badge program.

Swimming pools, a lake where boys may fish or work on boating merit badges, a rifle range, archery range, and an old-fashioned swimming hole are available for "free time" activities.

IN ADDITION to these activities, special classes in the skills of scouting are conducted. Leaders at the camp describe these classes as "making the Scout Handbook live for the scouts."

Training in conservation work is also part of the week-long program. Scouts are able to work in all phases of conservation, beginning with seed collecting and ending with reclaiming lumber from damaged areas of the forest. A lumber mill is operated in the camps, and all lumber used on the site is a product of scout work.

During the rest of the summer, the scout camps are operated for troop campouts. More than 5,000 boys and their leaders have a chance to spend a week at the camps, enjoying activities in the great outdoors.

PLANS ARE also being made for expansion of the camps. A new lake, larger than the present one, is planned for the future. And the Northrop Village camp, a

unique camp for the families of leaders accompanying the troops to camp, will be expanded and fully developed. Conservation work, growing out of a fire which destroyed several hundred acres of timber in 1957, is continuing on a widened scope.

Since the camps began operation in 1949, more than 40,000 boys have attended the camp for a week or more. About 2,600 of the scouts have participated in the Cedar Badge program, and

an additional 30,000 scouts have received secondary training in special district or troop meetings.

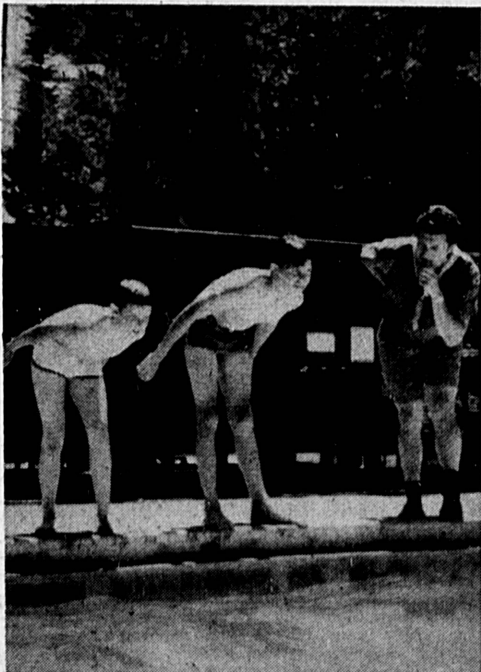
The camps are never static places. Work continues on a round-the-year basis, and plans for new facilities are constantly being made. Already, the scouts have outgrown the present facilities. But in the time-honored tradition of the Boy Scouts of America, plans for future years are underway.



EMERGENCY TRAINING . . . Torrance High principal Dr. Carl Ahee, (center) a scoutmaster in the Cedar Badge program at Lake Arrowhead, shows son Peter (left) and Ricky Lewis what to do for a broken arm. The "victim" is Larry Larson.



GLAD IT IS OVER . . . Pooped after a 70-mile hike into the Boy Scout camps at Lake Arrowhead, a Harbor area troop halts momentarily before taking off for a shower and a swim. Hiking is just a small part of the mental and physical training the scouts go through in their leadership training in the Cedar Badge Program.



ON YOUR MARKS . . . Assistant scoutmaster for the Harbor scouts, Milt Huber, begins countdown for Torrance swimmers Jerry Strouse (center) and Merritt Shiveley during Cedar Badge program at Lake Arrowhead. Competition among the boys includes swimming races on Fridays.



SCOUT-HELD SERVICE . . . One of the integral parts of the Cedar Badge program is spiritual training. Along this end, the scouts hold and conduct many of their own religious services. No group is discriminated against, and all religions and races are represented in the camps. Scouting is for everyone, and for the second straight year, a blind boy enjoys the training offered at the camp.

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FOLLOW THE LEADER . . . Bill Sullivan, left, instructs Howard Anderson, center, and Henry Ahee on some of the knots used in scouting. The instruction is part of the leadership training at Lake Arrowhead and helps "bring the Scout Book alive."



JUST LIKE MOTHER'S . . . Trying out their own recipes are (left to right) Randy Jones, Bill Foster and Jeff Desuacido. The weekly shopping list for the scouts includes 3,480 quarts of milk, 1,000 loaves of bread, 500 steaks, 300 dozen eggs, 120 pounds of bacon, 2,500 packages of cereal, 210 pounds of butter, 360 cans of juice, and 1,000 rolls.



RAISING OLD GLORY . . . Bill Barton prepares to raise the Stars and Stripes while (left to right) Peter Ahee, Henry Ahee, scoutmaster Bill Moss, and Peter Verentoff salute. Attending the week-long program were 491 boys and 59 leaders. The boys were selected for leadership and high moral qualities exhibited during the year.